



# U.S. Air Force AIM POINTS

A daily summary of news, messages and communication tactics to help AF people tell the AF story.

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## NEWS ABOUT THE MILITARY

- **Tanker lease:** SECDEF wants a compromise. ([Reuters](#))<sup>eb</sup> Boeing could lose \$270M if deal not approved. ([Bloomberg](#))<sup>eb</sup> 767 deal, 'buy American' collide in defense authorization conference. ([Natl Jour](#))<sup>eb</sup>
- **Pilots praise virtues** of F/A-22; software has improved but is still an issue. ([Ft Worth Star-Telegram](#))
- **House-Senate panel** approves compromise FY '04 supplemental bill. ([Aerospace Daily](#))<sup>eb</sup>
- **SECAF visits Dyess AFB**, says he can't guarantee future of the base. ([Abilene Reporter-News](#))
- **Waist measurement** a gauge of total health, AF officials feel. ([AFPN](#))
- **EUCOM opens** new Plans and Ops Center. ([AFPS](#))
- **Defective turbine blade** caused F-16CG crash at Luke AFB June 10, investigation finds. ([AETCNS](#))
- **AF lifts stop-work order** on DCGS system contract; ([Defense Daily](#))<sup>eb</sup>
- **MDA puts off** next full intercept test of Ground-Based Missile Defense system. ([Defense Daily](#))<sup>eb</sup>
- **Services closer** to defining UCAS requirements; AF has interim capabilities document. ([Defense News](#))<sup>eb</sup>
- **Sen Leahy, Guard leaders** propose 'reverse associate unit' at Burlington ANG wing. ([Inside the AF](#))<sup>eb</sup>
- **SECDEF refuses to ease** eligibility rules for Kosovo Campaign Medal. ([Stars & Stripes](#))

## OIF & WAR ON TERRORISM NEWS

- **Pentagon reworks** counterinsurgency plan for Iraq following recent deadly attacks. ([LA Times](#))<sup>eb</sup>
- **Saboteurs burn, loot** US Army supply train west of Baghdad Thurs. ([AP](#))
- **House passes \$87B** funding package for Iraq, Afghanistan; Senate could vote today. ([AP](#))
- **Kofi Annan orders** intl staff to leave Baghdad while UN assesses role in postwar Iraq. ([AP](#))
- **AF, Army disagree** on OIF targeting; AF says it adjusted ATOs routinely. ([Inside the AF](#))<sup>eb</sup>
- **UN: Afghanistan** could be overrun by violence, corruption, terrorism related to opium. ([Independent](#))
- **70 firms that got contracts** for work in Iraq, Afghanistan gave \$500K to Bush's 2000 campaign. ([NYT](#))<sup>eb</sup>
- **First military tribunals** for GITMO detainees to start soon, chief prosecutor says. ([Wash Post](#))

## OF INTEREST

- **CA fires:** Weather improves; fires may be contained in a week. ([CNN](#)) Residents decry delay in sending air tankers. ([USA Today](#))<sup>eb</sup> Guard, Reserve units called up to help fight fires. ([AFPN](#))
- **Toy gun as part of Halloween** costume shuts down Cannon House Office Building. ([CNN](#))
- **Malaysian swears in** new prime minister. ([AP](#))
- **Information stored** on all kinds of media has doubled since 1999. ([BBC News](#))

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

AFMC's AF Flight Test Center celebrated the Centennial of Flight with the **public debut of the F/A-22 Raptor** at Edwards AFB's Open House and Air Show Oct 25-26.

The Raptor flybys allowed the crowds to have a look at the air superiority fighter that will bring stealth ability into the daytime.

Once testing and evaluation are successfully completed, the F/A-22 Raptor will make its debut into the AF arsenal in 2005 as a replacement for the F-15 Eagle.

## SENIOR LEADERS ARE SAYING...

- The **F/A-22 Raptor** delivered an awesome display of air power during its first public appearance at the Edwards AFB Centennial of Flight air show -- a true exhibition of what is clearly going to be the air dominance fighter of the future. (AFFTC/CC, Oct 03)

## IDEAS THAT WORK

- Read the Edwards AFB news release on the **F/A-22 Raptor's public debut** at the Edwards air show. Log on to [www.edwards.af.mil/news/index.html](http://www.edwards.af.mil/news/index.html) and click on the F/A-22 Raptor story under 'Recent Stories...' on the right side of the page.

## AMERICANS ARE SAYING...

- 69% of those between ages 18 and 29 say they **follow politics**; 81% age 30 and older say they do.
- 62% of those between ages 18 and 29 say they **approve of the way Pres Bush is handling his job**; 53% of those 30 and older say they approve.
- 60% of the younger group believes **the economy is improving** while only 48% of the older group feels it is getting better.  
(CNN/USA Today/Gallup, Oct 24-27)

## TODAY'S INTERVIEWS

- **WGN Radio** (Chicago) w/ SECAF on IL Institute of Technology award, OIF lessons, tanker lease

## CALENDAR

- **Halloween**
- 1956 **RAdm G. J. Dufek** became first person to land an airplane at the South Pole
- Nov **National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month**
- Nov 1-2 **N'Awlins Air Show**, NAS JRB New Orleans, w/ Thunderbirds
- Nov 1-2 **Randolph Air Show**, Randolph AFB
- Nov 1 1870 **First systematized and synchronous meteorological observations**, made by National Weather Service's predecessor organization, a division of the Signal Service
- Nov 1 1952 **US exploded first hydrogen bomb**, at Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands